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**METHOD** 

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## **DECLARATION OF KEMBA STOWE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.68**

- I, KEMBA STOWE, hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:
- 1. I am the IP Docket Clerk at the Century City office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP.
- 2. I have been an employee of Steptoe & Johnson for approximately two (2) years.
- 3. I receive all incoming mail for the attorneys within the IP department at the Century City office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, and I input data into and maintain the docketing system currently used to monitor prosecution deadlines for the IP department.
- 4. Attached as Exhibits A and B are computer printouts from our docketing system showing that we never received the Letters Patent for U.S. Patent No. 7,481,707 that was mailed on January 27, 2009.
- 5. Exhibit A shows a Due Date column which is the date in which an activity is anticipated to occur (e.g., receiving a Letters patent) and the Date Taken column refers to the date in which the Due Date is acknowleged because the Action item was completed or postponed

to another date for further reminders. In the circled section of Exhibit A, the "Letters Patent rec'd" Action item was docketed as being due on February 3, 2009. Since the Letters Patent was not received, this same action date is moved ahead and continues to appear until the task is completed and cleared.

- 6. Exhibit B illustrates the same information as Exhibit A, but the information in Exhibit B is organized by case number. As an example, for matter 83336.1031, the Letter Patent Rcvd action item was docketed as being due on March 10, 2009. The Letters Patent was received on March 9, 2009, which was appropriately docketed, and additional action items were triggered such as Proof Read Patent Doc, Fwd Letters Patent to Client and Client Acknowledged Rcpt of Letters Patent.
- 7. Since we never received the Letters Patent for U.S. Patent No. 7,481,707 that was mailed on January 27, 2009, this task was never cleared from our docketing system and monthly reminders are generated by the docketing system until the task is cleared as shown in Exhibit B.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. These statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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## **EXHIBIT A**

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